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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20, 22 and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the communication filed on 1/10/07.
2. Claims 1-19 and 25 were previously withdrawn from further considerations.
3. Claims 21, 23 and 24 were previously cancelled.
4. Claims 20, 22 and 26 are pending in this action.
5. This action is final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 20, 22 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Arneson et al. (Arneson) (US 2001/0056473 A1).

As per claim 20: Arneson discloses a method for providing information to users via communications devices associated with said users (see title; abstract), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a digits request trigger/indicator from a communication device (see fig.2; paragraph 0015), wherein the digits request trigger is a signaling message that is associated with a call set-up process (see paragraphs 0015 and 0053), the digits request trigger comprising dialed digits or feature code (see paragraphs 0015 and 0026-0027), whereby a communications network attempts to establish a call connection between a user that initiates the digits request trigger and a called number associated with said dialed digits or feature code (see paragraphs 0015, 00025-0027);

identifying a user associated with said dialed digits request trigger (see paragraph 0016);

correlating said digits request trigger with specific information requests for said user (see paragraphs 0015, 0017, 0025); and

retrieving said specific information (see fig.2, element 206; paragraphs 0015, 0027);

sending said retrieved information to said communication device for display to said user (see fig. 2; paragraphs 0030-0031, 0037).

As per claim 22: the claim is directed to a means to perform the steps of method claim 20. Since the steps of receiving a digits request trigger associated with a user; identifying a user associated with said digits request trigger; correlating said digits request trigger with specific information; retrieving said specific information and sending said retrieved information to said communication device are disclosed, as set out in the rejection of claim 20 above, the means to perform these steps must be inherent to the

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prior art information retrieval system and method. Hence, claim 22 is rejected on the same ground as claim 20.

As per claim 26: the features of claim 26 are similar to the features of claim 20, except claim 26 is directed to a system to carryout the steps of method claim 20 and includes an additional feature reciting "a wireless web information services gateway coupled to said wireless network, which is also disclosed by Arneson (see paragraph 0035).

Hence, claim 26 is rejected on the same ground as claim 20, since the system of claim 26 is required/expected to performing the steps of method claim 20.

REMARKS

Applicant's arguments filed 1/10/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Argument/s and corresponding response/s is/are provided below.

Argument: with regard to claims 20, 22 and 26, applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection on the basis of an attached declaration under 37 CFR 1.132.

Response: examiner notes that this section of the CFR stipulates that the reference invention is not by "another." See MPEP § 715.01(a), § 715.01(c), and § 716.10. In other words, this section is proper to overcome a reference by the same inventor/s. To that effect, applicant is citing the improper section. Examiner points out that the proper form is 37 CFR 1.131. Hence, the affidavit/declaration is considered as invalid for the intended purpose and the prior rejection of the claims in question is upheld.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meless N. Zewdu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7873. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Appiah Charles can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner

12 March 2007.